

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING THE CABOT CREAMERY COOPERATIVE

• Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, today I honor a renowned Vermont business, Cabot Creamery, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary on June 13, 2009.

From its humble beginnings in 1919, when 94 farmers founded Cabot Creamery for \$5 per cow plus a cord of wood each, Cabot has grown into one of the strongest and proudest symbols of Vermont. With its cheeses distributed internationally, Cabot is the fastest growing cheddar supplier in the country. Naturally aged from two to 36 months, a process which gives these cheeses their superb taste, Cabot cheddar has won every award, including "Best Cheddar in the World" at the 22nd Biennial Cheese Championship. In fact, no other cheese company can make this claim.

For all its successes, the Cabot Cooperative remains firmly grounded in its history and tradition, using time-honored techniques to produce a superior product with no additives or preservatives that is enjoyed across the country; indeed around the world. Family farms remain the backbone of Cabot Creamery Cooperative, much as they have since its founding. As owners of Cabot, every cooperative member has a stake in its success and a say in its governance. Cabot has always valued democratic ideals, civic virtue, and a high-quality product.

Presently, Vermont's dairy farms are experiencing difficult times, with destabilized milk prices and a near monopoly control of milk distribution. For the members of the Cabot Cooperative, however, the milk market that Cabot makes available to its farmers continues to serve as a valuable return on their years of investment in the cooperative.

As Vermonters, we are deeply proud of our tradition of creating exceptional cheddar cheese. Therefore, I wish Cabot Creamery Cooperative continued success on its 90th birthday, and thank them for being an exemplary symbol of our State's commitment to quality and local democracy.●

COMMENDING RHONDA GOFF

• Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I wish to honor and recognize a fellow Louisianan, Deputy Rhonda Goff, for showing courage and authority when she apprehended three suspects involved in a shooting and burglary last October. She received the National Association of Police Organization's TOP COP Awards for her efforts, and I would like to take a few moments to recognize her actions.

On October 20, 2008, Deputy Goff noticed three men, one of whom was covered in blood, leaving a bar. She immediately stopped and had witnesses identify the men as having robbed the bar.

Without hesitation, she ran after the men. Although outnumbered by three to one, she apprehended and handcuffed the suspects, and when she searched them found numerous stolen wallets. When back up arrived, they found four more wounded victims inside the bar and discovered that three more men had been involved in the robbery. Deputy Goff obtained a license plate from a witness and was able to air the information over the radio, enabling detectives to track down the remaining suspects.

Deputy Goff was honored for her coolness under pressure, as well as her quick and decisive action in getting a lead on the additional felons. Her actions exemplify what it means to go above the call of duty. Thus today, I congratulate Deputy Goff as being named one of 2009 TOP COPS and thank her for her bravery and courageous work in keeping the State of Louisiana safe.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 626. An act to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1817. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building".

H.R. 2200. An act to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 663. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building".

H.R. 918. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building".

H.R. 1284. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office".

H.R. 1595. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 626. An act to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1817. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2200. An act to authorize the Transportation Security Administration's programs relating to the provision of transportation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 31. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1847. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(74 FR 18152)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1848. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 634) (74 FR 21267)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1849. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (944 CFR Part 67)(74 FR 23117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.